



**3PL Central**  
*For 3PLs on the Grow™*

# Integration with 3PL Central

***Say Good-Bye To Time-Wasting  
Manual Input Forever!***

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# 3PL & Customer Integration Benefits

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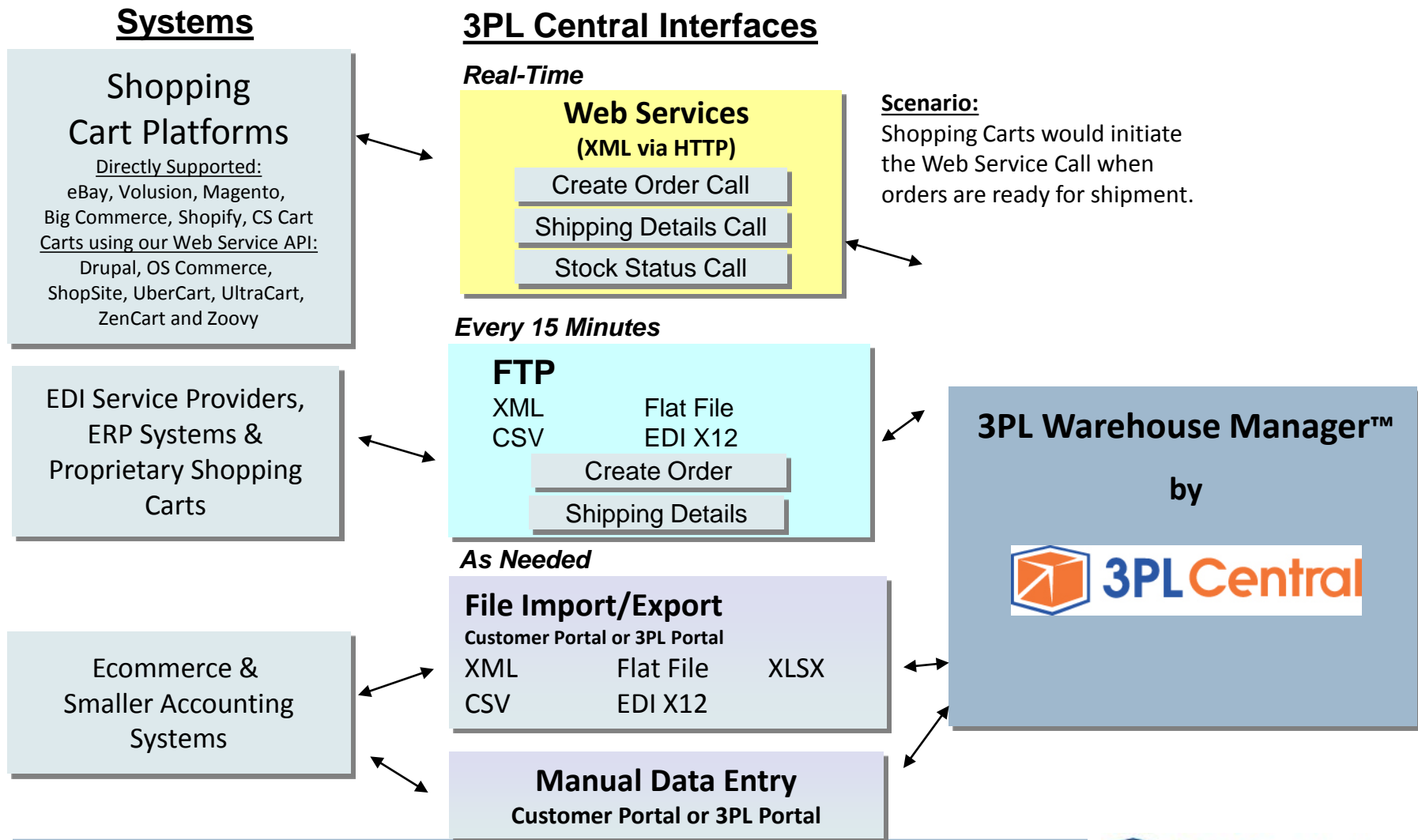
## ▶ 3PL Benefits

- Handle more shipments per day
- Handle more customers
- Reduce manual data entry
- Focus staff on value-added functions
- Integrate multiple systems for each customer
- 3PL Central handles integration in-house

## ▶ 3PL Customer Benefits

- Eliminate all manual data entry
- Reduce Order-to-Cash cycle (bill for shipped orders quicker)
- Real-time data for accurate reporting
- Maintain consistent branding even when using a 3PL warehouse

# 3PL Warehouse Manager – Order Integration Options





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## Drill Down on EDI Integration (*Direct or via EDI Service Provider/VAN*)

## What is the file format?

- XML (preferred)
- EDI X12
- Tab-Delimited / Excel
- Flat File

## How Sent? (transmission method)

- Web Service (always XML)
- FTP
- FTP via EDI Service Provider or VAN (SPS Commerce, DiCentral and Spring Systems)
- Manual Import

## Documents between Retailer and Manufacturer/Importer

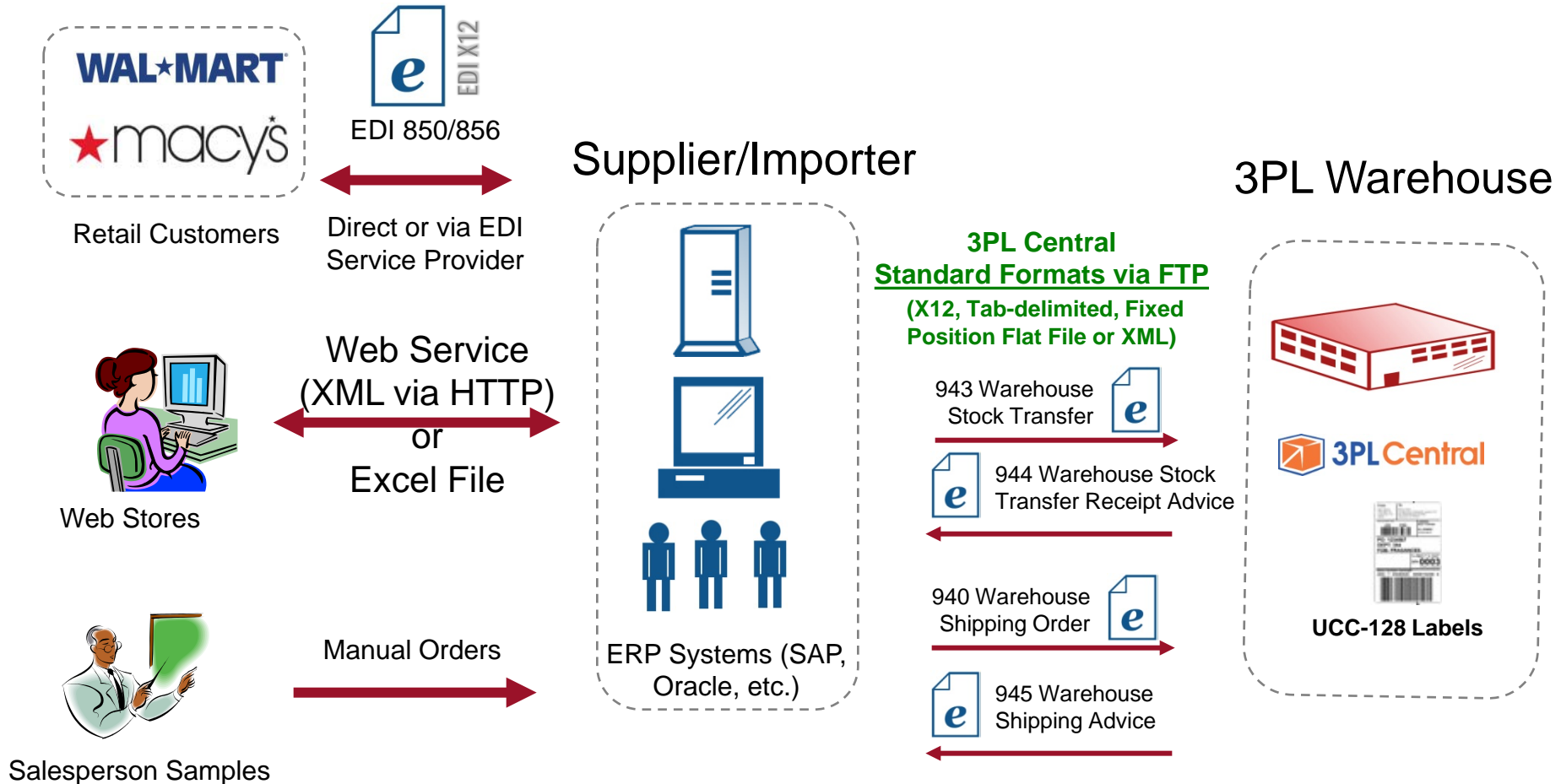
- 850 – Purchase Order
- 855 – Purchase Order Acknowledgement
- 856 – Advanced Ship Notice
- 860 – Purchase Order Change
- 810 – Invoice

## Documents between Manufacturer/Importer and Warehouse

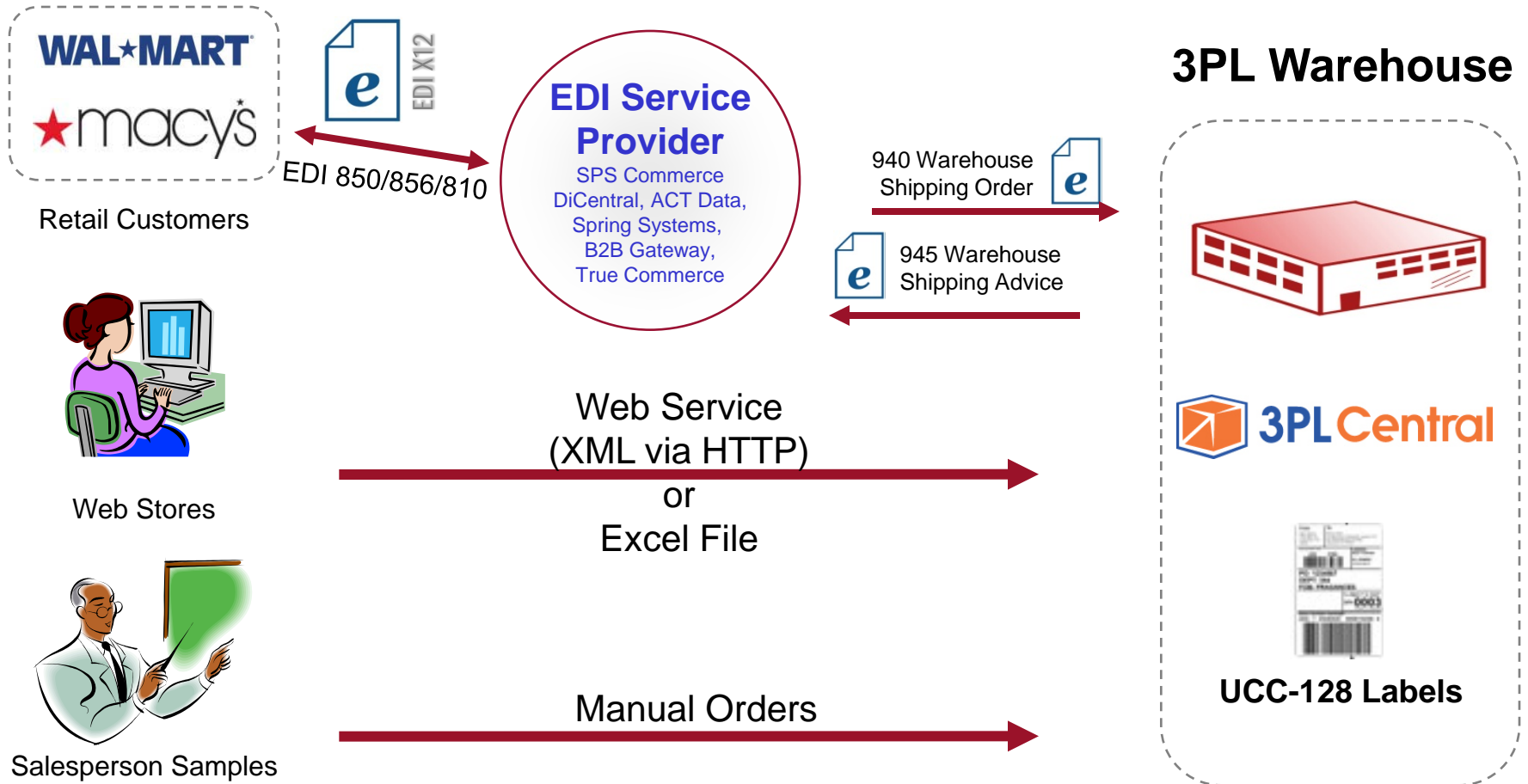
- 997 – Functional Acknowledgement
- 940 – Warehouse Shipping Order
- 945 – Warehouse Shipping Advice
- 943 – Warehouse Stock Transfer
- 944 – Warehouse Stock Transfer Receipt Advice

***\*\*\*Note: 3PL Central does not communicate directly with retailers. That is handled via an EDI service provider or direct integration.***

# Option 1: Integrate 3PL Central with the Customers' System

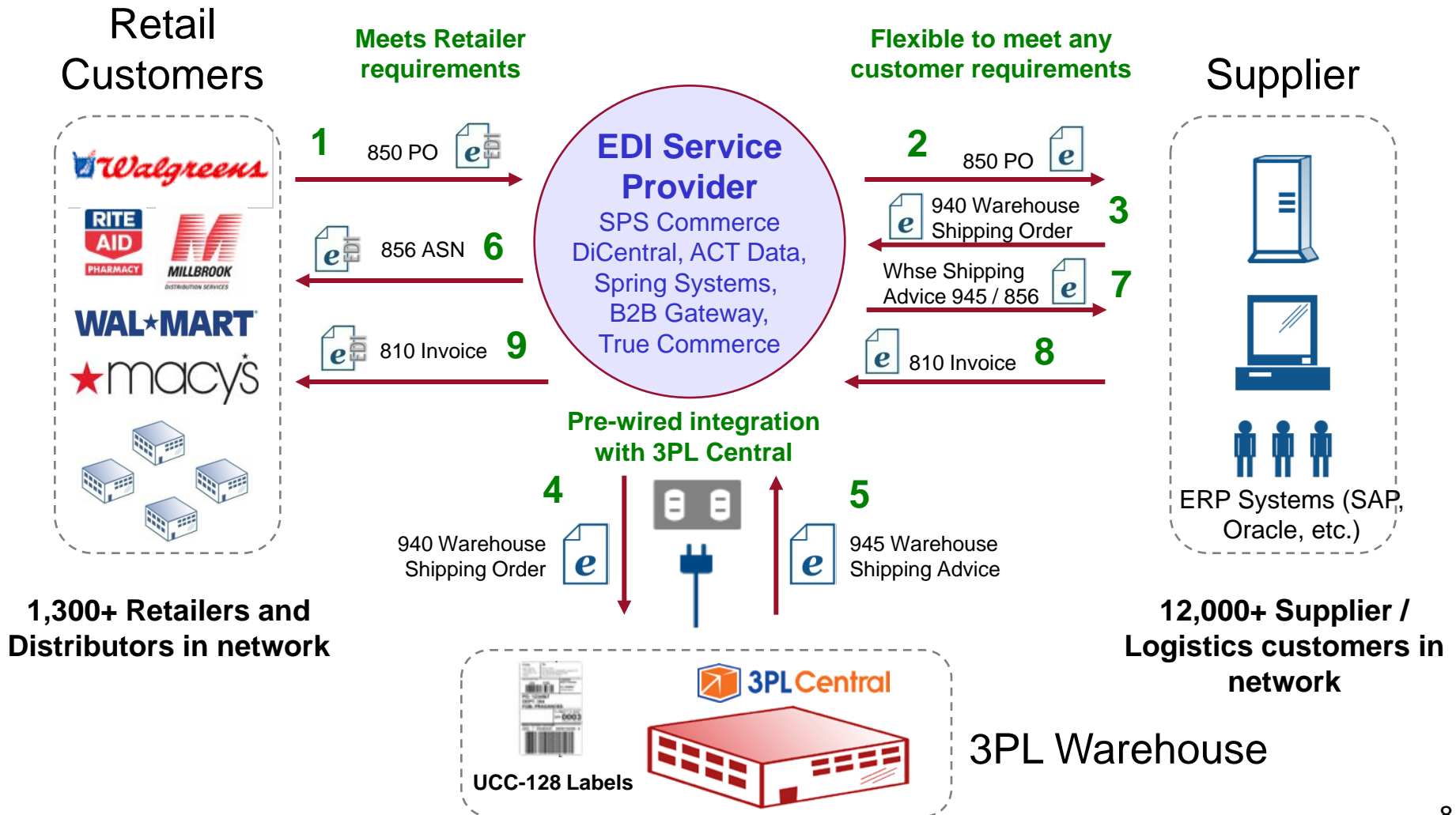


# Option 2: Leverage 3PL Central's Direct Integration Capabilities





# Option 2: Detailed EDI Solution



# eCommerce Order “Lifecycle”



## eCommerce Order Lifecycle

- 1 – Consumer goes to website and enter orders. Order created in eCommerce Engine (shopping software)
- 2 – eCommerce Engine posts order to 3PL Central (warehouse)
  - + Warehouse receives notification of order
  - + Warehouse picks/packs order
  - + Warehouse ships order and captures tracking information
- 3 – Tracking information returned to shopping cart (eCommerce engine calls 3PL Central for order status updates)
  - + eCommerce Engine Bills Credit Card
- 4 – “Your order has shipping” notification and tracking information sent from eCommerce engine to consumer

When a prospect or existing customer asks for EDI support ask these questions:

- What retailers are you connecting to?
- Does your customer require an Advanced Ship Notice (856)?
- Does your customer require UCC-128 Label(s)?
- How do you want to exchange electronic documents?
- How are you doing EDI today? In house software or are you working with an EDI service provider?